

ITEM: 29

SUBJECT: Uncontested NPDES Permits

REPORT: Following are the proposed permits. All agencies and the dischargers concur or have offered no comments.

- a. The Aerojet-General Corporation (Aerojet) operates a rocket testing and manufacturing facility in eastern Sacramento County adjacent to the cities of Rancho Cordova and Folsom. Discharges from the facility currently consist primarily of non-contact cooling water and blowdown from cooling towers and boilers. Aerojet has significantly reduced the amount of rocket testing done at the facility and has dismantled a number of test stands and associated equipment. Aerojet has requested the elimination of monitoring of outfalls from those areas (Sectors F and G). Sampling has shown that the stormwater runoff from those industrial areas is free of pollutants associated with the industrial activities. The proposed revisions eliminate the monitoring of Outfalls 007, 007A, 007B, 007C and 007D. In addition, the proposed revisions reduce the Practical Quantitation Level for analysis of n-nitrosodimethylamine from 0.02 micrograms per liter to 0.005 micrograms per liter based on an improved analytical technique. (AJVS)
- b. Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 98-201, NPDES permit No. CA0083127, authorizes Cooper US, Inc.; American Air Co., Inc.; and the City of Visalia to discharge treated groundwater from its extracted groundwater remediation and cleanup system to one of the City of Visalia's (City) storm water pipelines. The storm water pipeline discharges to a storm water evaporation/percolation pond owned by the City and known as the "Goshen Ocean", which is connected to Mill Creek Ditch by a pipe. Mill Creek Ditch discharges into Cross Creek, a water of the United States. More recent evidence indicates that the pipe that connects the Goshen Ocean to Mill Creek Ditch is designed to deliver water from the Ditch to the Goshen Ocean, and a discharge of pollutants from the groundwater remediation and cleanup system to the Ditch via the Goshen Ocean and the City pipe is highly improbable if not altogether impossible. The Discharger's engineer has also certified that the Goshen Ocean's capacity is adequate to dispose of flows from the groundwater treatment system. Cooper US, Inc., has requested that the Regional Water Board modify the current WDRs to terminate the option to discharge to Mill Creek. The proposed Special Order amends WDRs Order No. 98-201 to revoke NPDES permit No. CA0083127 and leave the balance of discharge requirements in effect to regulate the ongoing discharge to the pond. The action to adopt the Special Order is exempt from CEQA.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed NPDES permits.

Mgmt Review _____

Legal Review _____

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